

Rights in Russia

Week-ending Friday 10 January 2014

North Caucasus

Sochi On 4/1 President Putin eased a sweeping ban on public protests in Sochi with effect from 7/1. ([New York Times](#), 4/1)

Disappearance Khasavyurt resident Magomed Ibragimov, detained by law enforcement officers on 5/1, is missing. ([Caucasian Knot](#), 9/1)

ECtHR On 9/1 the [ECtHR](#) found Russia responsible for the abduction and disappearance of 36 men from homes in Chechnya between 2000 and 2006. ([Russian Justice Initiative](#), 9/1)

Dead found in Stavropol On 9/1 security services in southern Stavropol were put on combat alert, after police found several cars with dead bodies inside and explosives planted nearby. ([The Moscow Times](#), 9/1)

Cossacks On 9/1 over 400 Cossacks arrived in Sochi to help police next month's Games. ([St Petersburg Times](#), 10/1)

Stalinism

Calendar A publishing house of the Russian Orthodox Church released a 2014 calendar devoted to Josef Stalin. ([The Moscow Times](#), 8/1)

Right of assembly

Detentions On 6/1 police detained two dozen protesters on Moscow's Manezh Square demanding the release of opposition activists from prison. ([The Moscow Times](#), 7/1)

Mokhnatkin On 9/1 Sergei Mokhnatkin was charged with striking a police officer during a protest rally on 31/12. ([RIA Novosti](#), 9/1)

Pussy Riot On 9/1 [Pussy Riot](#)'s N. Tolokonnikova and M. Alekhina attended the Bolotnaya trial in Moscow. ([The Guardian](#), 9/1)

Rybachenko On 10/1 Anastasia Rybachenko, arrested in absentia regarding the May 2012 Bolotnaya protest, was amnestied. ([RAPSI](#), 10/1)

Freedom of expression

Panova convicted On 9/1 a court sentenced former website editor Aksana Panova to a two-year court ban on professional activity, a two-year suspended sentence and a considerable fine. ([RIA Novosti](#), 9/1)

High profile cases

Khodorkovsky On 5/1 Mikhail Khodorkovsky told Swiss TV he would campaign for the release of political prisoners. ([BBC](#), 5/1)

Magnitsky On 9/1 the Association of Russian Judges refused Sergei Magnitsky's mother's request to publicly discuss the judges' role in her son's persecution, treatment and death. ([EU Reporter](#), 9/1)

Farber Controversially imprisoned Ilya Farber was released on 10/1. ([RIA Novosti](#), 10/1)

Psychiatry

Man sent to psychiatric hospital On 6/1 a man who climbed on the roof of Red Square's Kazan Cathedral and shouted a Muslim call to prayer was sent to a psychiatric hospital. ([The Moscow Times](#), 9/1)